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# Oriental Trade Rights Threatened in New Wilson Drive

## Committee To Study Power Of Licence Discrimination

Alderman H. D. Wilson won the first step in his new campaign to discriminate against Oriental merchants, when the City Council agreed to appoint a special committee to "consider and recommend a charter amendment which will, if granted by the Provincial government, give the council further power to regulate and control trade licences issued in Vancouver."

**Although the resolution contained no reference to Oriental merchants, its intent was obvious. Mr. Wilson declared briefly that there was no necessity for him to elaborate upon the resolution, since the Council understood perfectly what he had in mind.**

Acting on the committee are Mr. Wilson, Ald. H. Jones, George Buscombe, and J. W. Cornett. With the assistance of corporation counsel McTaggart, the committee will draft a charter amendment, which Mr. Wilson hopes to secure from the Legislature.

Mr. Wilson has campaigned persistently for years against what he alleges to be "Oriental penetration into the economic life of the province." If the City can secure a charter amendment, any applicant for a licence may be refused, and have no legal redress.

***The Patriot?***

## On The Newsfront

**Lyric Soprano to be Guest Soloist on CBR Program**

Lily Washimoto, noted Nisei lyric soprano, will be guest soloist in a radio program with Jack Avison and his Concert Orchestra in a radio program over Station CBR next Friday, January 26, at 9.30 p.m. She has chosen for her number Mozart's "L'Amero" with Hans Zschiedrich of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra playing a violin obligato.

**Niseis Elected to Fishermen's Ass'n Executive**

Four Niseis were elected to the executive of the Upper River Japnaese Fishermen's Association at its annual meeting recently at Lion Island.

Hideo Onotera and Tatsuro Suzuki were named as the local's delegates to all executive meetings of the District No. 1 Association and the Amalgamated Association of B. C. Fishermen.

Also elected to the executive as auditors were "Steo" Sakurai and Ryuichi Kumagai.

S. Inamoto was re-elected president; F. Ito, vice-president; T. Suda, chairman, T. Oikawa, secretary and S. Sakurai, treasurer.

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**Pacific Northwest Rissho Y P To Hold Confab in Vancouver**

Plans for holding the Pacific Northwest Conference of the Rissho Young People over the Easter weekend in Vancouver are progressing favourably according to Sam Watanabe and Mr. T. Hori who paid a short visit this week to Portland.

# Fisheries Dept. Holds Up Licences

## New Cut Unlikely But No Reason Given

New Westminster — Considerable apprehension has been aroused here and in other fishing centres over the refusal of the Fisheries Office to issue the regular yearly licences to Japanese Canadian fishermen.

Those who have applied for their licences were informed by District Supervisor R. McLeod that he had received orders from the Department at Ottawa, instructing him to withhold all Japanese licences for black cod, halibut and salmon. He declared that he had received no information as to why the licences were being held back, nor as to when they would be issued.

**Ordinarily licences are issued immediately after the New Year, and have already been given out to Occidental fishermen. Several Nisei fishermen have applied in order to fish for steelhead salmon earlier than usual this year, owing to the very poor conditions last season.**

It was feared by some that a further cut in licences might be forthcoming, although the government has given no indication that it intends to pursue such a policy.

Authoritative observers suggested, however, that in view of the present international situation, it is doubtful if the federal government would again impose an unjust reduction this year, after the drastic slash in boat pullers' licences last season.

## An Open Letter

# To Alderman Wilson

"Upon the maintenance of Canadian unity more than upon all else will depend the measure of success of Canada's effort in the present war!"

These words of Prime Minister King were recalled vividly to mind this week, as the people of Canada fulfilled the highest expectations in their rush to oversubscribe Canada's first war loan within two days.

**But here in Vancouver, completely disregarding fundamental human rights and liberties, and the country's first need, a city alderman again took up his club of legal persecution to arouse racial conflict and weaken national unity within British Columbia.**

This week, the alderman again renewed his campaign against natural-born British subjects and against legally admitted aliens of a friendly power and traditional ally.

Again he has endeavored to bring to life the germs of national disunity and international ill will.

For the purposes of petty politics he has again attacked a well-nigh defenseless minority on the ground of race, thereby destroying any belief which decent citizens may have had in his sense of justice and in his understanding of the principles of democracy—ranting as he does on "the very serious inroads being made upon the commercial life of Vancouver by Orientals"—as if race itself were a crime.

**Even the most casual examination of his claims disclose his charlatanism and political demagogy.**

If he is genuinely concerned over the fact that Oriental parents are unable to bear their proportionate share of school costs, why does he strive persistently to grind them deep into poverty? If he feels that Orientals hold too large a percentage of licences in certain trades, why does he not endeavor to break down the barriers which confine them to those few trades?

If he is concerned over the welfare of the small merchant and corner-grocer, why does he not attack the real source of their troubles—and he knows it full well—and refrain from these cowardly attacks on a minority which is prevented from giving him his proper answer and rebuke at the polls.

Today a new and world-shaking war is upon us, and Great Britain and the Empire have need of all the support which can be given both from within and from without.

It would seem that even this consideration and other considerations of decency fail to deter the alderman from stirring up internal racial conflict and from attempting to divide the country against itself, and adding still further to Canada's burden.

Is this **Patriotism or** is it merely **Cheap Politics?**

**Every thinking individual, every responsible official should realize the grave consequences of this personal campaign being waged by a political demagogue.**

We believe that the people of Canada will discern these attacks for what they are and will deal with them accordingly, we believe that they have been only too clearly the result in Europe of the putting into practice of the Gospel of race hatred and we believe that they will give to this amateur Hitler the answer which he deserves.

# Sunbury Niseis Take Part In Finnish Relief Concert

"What sort of Finns are they?" was the comment heard from many of the audience as five Niselettes, exotically garbed in the costumes of the flowery kingdom, bowed and tripped through the graceful routines of "Sendo Kawaiya" and "Tokyo Oondo."

**The occasion was the concert in aid of the Finnish Red Cross held in Sunbury, January 13, as peoples of some seven races races came together to assist in raising funds for the aid of the gallant little country which is so courageously resisting today the advance of the ruthless Russian bear.**

NISEI PARTICIPATION

Niseis of the district took a prominent part in the concert to give whole-hearted support to the Finnish community in its effort.

Shown for the first time to many of the spectators, the odoris delightfully interpreted by Kathleen and Kimiko Oikawa, Yoshiko Kamachi, Yumiko Kanegawa and Hisako Suda were received with the greatest enthusiasm.

KENDO DEMONSTRATION

"Sunshine" Sato and Hideo Onotera, using real swords, in an exhibition of the strokes employed in Kendo-no-kata, had many of the audience shivering as they brought their wicked blades dangerously close to each other. And the clash of bamboo upon steel helmets and the shrill cries of Jack Goto and Hisashi Oikawa, Kendo shodans from Sunbury, brought the audience to its feet with the rousing exhibition. Hideo Onotera explained the art of kendo to the audience.

**Community singing by the Finnish Canadians brought the concert to a peak as the hardy adopted sons of Canada stood rigidly at attention singing with deepest fervor to the strains of Finlandia. Your reporter was moved by the tears that rose unbidden to many eyes.**

The Vice-Consul for Finland in Vancouver, H. Ekengren, made a stirring appeal for support to the Finnish Red Cross as he described the war of aggression which Red imperialism had forced upon the valiant little country of Northern Europe.

**Fanny Bay Japanese Donate $100 to National Defence**

Swelling the number of donations to the National Defence of Canada by Japanese Canadians is the sum of $100 which was donated by the employer, Mr. E. Kagetsu, and the employees of the Fanny Bay lumber camp.

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## Statistics And The Truth

Licence Inspector H. A. Urquhart has made public a report on the number of trade licences issued to Japanese and Chinese merchants in the city during the past five years.

The report is presented for public consumption with an invitation for the public to draw their own inferences. But there is no mistaking the fact that the report, presented as bare facts, is designed to bolster Alderman Wilson's attack upon Japanese Canadians particularly, and to provide some justification for political tactics strongly suggestive of Hitlerism. For essentially the support is weighted in that one direction and shows merely one side, albeit perhaps the most sensational side, of the whole situation.

The first principle that any student of elementary statistics has drummed into him is that statistics have no meaning or truth without intelligent interpretation, and without a proper understanding of the background from which they are derived. Valid statistical analysis is possible only when the relationship of the quantitative data to all the facts of the situation is clearly understood.

**And in the hands of an unscrupulous politician the statistical method may be easily prostituted to prove any particular contention that he should so desire to have proved. In no case is this fact more true than in respect to the question of alleged Oriental penetration into the economic life of the province.**

Admittedly an analysis of Mr. Urquhart's report shows a nine per cent increase in the number of trade licenses issued to Japanese Canadians over the past five years. But this mere fact tells no story whatsoever, except that Japanese Canadians have been making a valiant struggle to keep their heads above the waters of the economic whirlpool into which they have been plunged.

With restrictions barring his path on every hand, either because of popular feeling or because of legal rules, the average Japanese Canadian has found but few lines of economic activity open to him. And these lines, practically without exception, have been the least lucrative, the least promising, the most despised lines of economic servitude.

For the Japanese Canadian there exist no comfortable and lucrative jobs in the thousand and one businesses, industries and services monopolized completely by Occidental Canadians — businesses, industries and services which nevertheless supply many necessary goods and services and easily exploit the Japanese Canadian consuming market.

**And despite the nine per cent increase, it is extremely doubtful if all the Japanese Canadian merchants in the city handle a yearly volume of business equal to that handled by even one of our large department stores.**

Let there be no doubt about it! Open up these closed doors that bar the Japanese Canadian, unbind the fetters that keep him turning round and round in the same circle, sever the rope of economic strangulation about his neck and see how quickly the Japanese Canadian rushes out of his corner grocery, or his tailoring shop, or his bath parlour and how quickly the increase in petty trade licences will stop.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### WE INVITE YOUR COMMENTS

(Editor: The New Canadian)

Dear Sir—Since the New Canadian has been published on a weekly basis, I see you've maintained the same high standards you set in your twice monthly efforts. Congratulations for the fine work you're doing. The paper is getting better all the time.

**I noticed sometime ago a letter of criticism because you were utilizing good space in printing such trash (in the critic's opinion) as the standings of the "Hit Parade." Frankly, I think you should print more of that "trash." I don't mean just in popular songs, but add variety to your columns, so that you'll have something that will appeal to many Niseis.**

No doubt it is a Nisei paper's duty to publish politics and educational news, but in order to catch the interest of those who are not serious-minded about such matters, it is necessary to add a little variety. They'll probably read the paper for the popular features alone, but inadvertently will be reading the constructive and educational features at the same time. Thereby, although perhaps indirectly, you will be putting the message over.

**In this connection, your columns by Kay Yasunaka on "Pon Palling," Roy Kumano's Harmonica section, the "Hit" Parade, and such subjects which interest so many Niseis in the Province are highly laudable.**

Of course space is a major consideration, but from time to time you may be able to add more of these interesting subjects, which will be gladly devoured by your reader audience. Of course one of your biggest features is the Sports section which interests so many people. That usually is a good drawing card.

I have every confidence that The New Canadian will not only be upholding the ideals and objectives of the Niseis, but will prove to be the Niseis' "own" popular paper.

With all good wishes,

Tony Kobayashi
Okanagan Centre

### AN INQUIRY AFTER A POETESS

(Editor: The New Canadian)

Dear Sir—For the past few months I have had the privilege and pleasure of reading your publication.

My friends and I have thoroughly enjoyed the poems written by Miyo Ishiwata. Who is he (or she)?

"City After the Rain," "Dedication," and "Clair de Lune" are all pathetically exquisite! Those contribute the best portion in your editions. Couldn't we have them more frequently?

Also give us a sketch or write-up of the poet! We are very interested!

On behalf of my friends and myself,

MRS. B. WILSON
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Vancouver.

CANADA, EUROPE AND HITLER

## MOSAIC OF LOYALTY IN CANADA

*(From an editorial in the Saskatoon Star-Phoenix, January 8, 1940)*

There are few of Canada's domestic problems that require close and unprejudiced study more than does that of racial groups within the Dominion. And there is no problem that calls for more careful treatment or greater tolerance in order to avoid converting these groups into grievance-holding minorities.

**One of the first attempts at a comprehensive study of this problem has been made by Professor Watson Kirkconnell of the University of Manitoba, and which he has embodied in a volume entitled "Canada, Europe and Hitler."**

In the first part of his book, Prof. Kirkconnell examines recent developments in Europe, the conflict of political opinions there, the clash of races, and the impact of the new ideologies in various countries. It is from these countries that Canada has drawn its population of 2,500,000 European-Canadians.

**Survey of Canadians**

He then proceeds to survey these European-Canadians in Canada, notes their respective numbers and endeavours to appraise their opinions and attitudes.

These European-Canadians are acutely politically conscious and after coming to Canada apparently have made little effort to escape the controversies of their homeland. Thus, in Canada, the same struggles have been carried on. . . .

**But when war broke out and Canada declared its participation, there was . . . among organized bodies of these European-Canadians, an almost instantaneous and unanimous assertion of loyalty to Canada . . .**

**Mosaic of Loyalty**

The survey causes Prof. Kirkconnell to observe that "there thus emerges a most variegated mosaic of European-Canadian opinion, which shapes itself, nevertheless, into a pattern of quite astonishing unanimity on the issue of supporting Canada in its armed opposition to Hitlerism aggression . . . British and French-Canadians have demonstrated their sense of national unity; and now our 2,500,000 European-Canadians give heartening assurance of their loyalty to the Canadian nation. Canada is more united than ever before in her history."

The author then proceeds to outline a suggested foreign policy for Canada . . . and a domestic policy to wipe out the many well-known inequalities and injustices within the Dominion.

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The information supplied by Prof. Kirkconnell affords food for much thought. It suggests to anyone that the European-Canadian groups are an important part of the population, that already they have acquired a sense of Canadianism, the growth of which is somewhat retarded by their concern . . . in the political struggles of their various homelands.

Native Canadians will be prone to think that they could profitably leave those things behind and direct their attention to Canadian problems.

**Prejudice a Phobia**

It is not made any easier for them to do so, however, by the general attitude of many English-language Canadians, who persistently keep to the front the European aspect of their nationality. The fact that this same type of person very often has a similar phobia towards French-language Canadians should reveal to these European-Canadians that it is the peculiarity and prejudice of individuals and not representative of any large body of British or native Canadian opinion.

But if Canada expects to assimilate these groups of European origin, expects to make the second generation into complete Canadian and avoid the troubles that afflict Europe, then those who continually keep before them the idea that they are "foreigners" are doing this Dominion a serious disservice.

# Frankly Speaking . . .

By K. O.

**Is "Stinks"**

There is a lot of criticism raised against the Japanese Canadian Citizens' League. "The JCCL is doing nothing," "the JCCL holds too many dances," "the JCCL is nothing but a bunch of high-hats," and so on. In other words (they tell me) the JCCL "stinks."

But we should not be too hard on this organization. The JCCL may "stink" but so do a lot of other things . . .

We must remember that any organization with any life in it must come under a certain amount of adverse criticism. After all, the only thing that isn't criticized is the dead body at a funeral.

**Talking to Madmen**

I find on enquiry that the JCCL is really doing something—that is outside of spreading itself all over The New Canadian. Many of the JCCL activities, such as creating goodwill among the Occidentals, have been rather unspectacular, not because its members have been inefficient or lazy, but because that has been the best policy. Any blatant agitation when anti-Japanese feeling runs high would be like making a face at a crowd of mad people inclined to homicide.

**Nisei Loyalty**

Yet when the occasion has required it, the JCCL has done sensational things, as when it declared Nisei loyalty at the outbreak of the war. Some thought the declaration was premature, but it would have lost much of its significance if it had been withheld till later.

In any case the JCCL could do with a lot more supporters and a lot less critics.

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**Mr. Wilson Speaks his Piece**

I see by the papers last week that Alderman Wilson has been giving us some more free publicity. In case you've forgotten him, Mr. Wilson is that tiresome gentleman who apparently can never think of anything more exciting to say in the city council than that the Japanese are (allegedly) doing very well. He also works very hard—trying to "work up" something sensational out of statistics.

In my opinion, someone must have made a very bad mistake when he was born—but of course I may be slightly prejudiced.

# New Cabinet Expected To Improve Japan's Relations With Democracies

Citizens of Vancouver's Japanese community this week hailed the appointment of Admiral Yonai as new premier of Japan, succeeding Gen. Nobuyuki Abe, as concrete evidence of Japan's desire to cement friendly relations with the democratic powers of the west.

It was felt that the surprise appointment indicated Japan's return to her traditional policy of friendship with the United States and Great Britain, since the new cabinet is pledged to a vigorous effort to remove friction in China and the Pacific area.

Many observers had believed that an army officer would be appointed new premier. Hence the selection of Admiral Yonai came as a complete surprise.

### Pro-British Premier

The new premier is known as a strong advocate of Japanese-American and Japanese-British collaboration. A former minister of the navy and a veteran of three cabinets, he has exerted considerable influence over the trend of recent Japanese foreign policy. He opposed all efforts to extend the Rome-Tokio-Berlin anti-Comintern pact into a full military alliance with Germany and Italy.

Hachiro Arita, former minister of foreign affairs and a veteran diplomat was named to head the foreign office, succeeding Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura. An early resumption of the talks with U.S. Ambassador Joseph C. Grew is expected.

NEW PREMIER

ADMIRAL YONAI

## Shoji Re-elected To Head Veterans

**Even the grim shadow of the new war failed to dampen the enthusiasm and good spirits of Japanese veterans of the last war, when they met for their annual general meeting and New Year party this week in Vancouver.**

**Re-elected to the presidency of the association was Y. Shoji, Whonnock, B. C., who became a non-commissioned officer in the last war. For the coming year he will be supported by an executive comprising: T. Otomo, vice-president; T. Kurota, treasurer; S. Sato, secretary; S. Kubota, assistant secretary; T. Okutsu and A. Yamasaki, auditors; and K. Matsumoto, M. Shishido, R. Kobayashi, and K. Inouye, councillors.**

## Japan's Leaders Express Firm Belief In Moral Re-armam't

*(From a speech by Dr. Frank Buchman, leader of the world-wide movement for Moral Re-Armament broadcast from station WRUL, Boston, Mass.)*

Japan, the land of the Rising Sun, from which came an influential group to the Second World Assembly of Moral Re-Armament, cables this message:

*"We join your lead for God's master plan for Asia and the world. MRA is the only solution of otherwise impossible problems."*

I quote from another message from Japan, which has been signed by national leaders including such men as Kagawa the president of the Tokyo Industrial College by Takasumi Mitsui, the industrialist; and by former Premier Prince Konoye, the President of the Privy Council. Their message reads:

*"Never before has the world more needed the message of Moral Re-Armament, with the resulting co-operation of constructive forces in every nation.*

*"East and West, there must be a new and uncompromising devotion to our highest ideals.*

*"We take up the task of bringing the rebirth of spirit here and everywhere. Only thus can we build a new Asia and a new family of nations where every person and every people can make the fullest contribution to the life of the world."*

## CanadianJapanese Ass'n to Hold Annual Election

Two days, January 26 and 27, have been set aside by the Canadian Japanese Association to clear up last year's business and to set the stage for another year of community service.

On January 26 at 8 p.m. in the Japanese Hall, the thirty-first annual general meeting of the organization will be held and important matters will be brought up for discussion. Following the secretary's and treasurer's reports, amendments to the constitution will be proposed and other business matters will be debated on the floor.

A nominating committee has been empowered to draw up a slate of 70 candidates for the 35 positions on the Board of Directors and 5 candidates for the 3 auditors.

Five polling booths have been set up in the various Japanese localities: at Fairview Gogakko, Showa Gogakko (West Fairview), Kitsilano Gogakko, West Kitsilano Gogakko and the Japanese Hall (downtown). Voting hours at the first four are from 2 to 8 p.m., January 27, from 2 to 9 p.m. at the Japanese Hall.

# National JCCL To Publish Pamphlets

## Meet Need for Data on Japanese Question

By Staff Writer

In an effort to supply a long felt need the National JCCL this summer will undertake to publish a series of small, compact pamphlets in English, explaining various aspects of the Japanese question in B. C., it was decided at the monthly meeting of the National Executive, Jan. 14, in Vancouver.

It was stressed that the organization has received numerous requests for information on this subject from many Occidental Canadians. At present, however, such information is not available in compact and easily read form. The best available Nisei writers on political and economic aspects of the Japanese question will be asked to co-operate in the venture.

### Dues Called In

Questions of finance aroused considerable discussion, and it was decided that all member chapters be asked to remit their assessment dues for 1940 as soon as possible. Those are:

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| Vancouver | $175.00 |
| Steveston | 100.00 |
| Mission | 85.00 |
| Maple Ridge | 25.00 |
| Victoria | 25.00 |
| Chemainus | 25.00 |
| Delta-East Richmond and Surrey | 25.00 |
| Sea Island | 25.00 |

**The proposed plan to institute a Mutual Benefit Savings Club will be introduced by the committee at the next meeting, Feb. 4, when the Advisory Council will be called into consultation.**

### Library Augmented

The organization will also apply to the Society for International Cultural Relations in Tokyo for some one hundred additional books on varied topics to be added to the central library in Vancouver.

The national organization will again sponsor an entrant in the annual Bussel Renmel Oratorical Contest, scheduled for Feb. 18.

## Vacuum tube to keep Anniversary films Until Year 2940

Tokyo—Combining the observation of the 2,600th year of the Japanese Empire with the 100th anniversary of the introduction of Photography into Japan, the Japan Photography Association will launch a program this year to preserve 2,600 films for the people 1,000 years hence.

Pictures are to be taken which will be buried in hermetically-sealed tubes somewhere in the country, and are not to be opened until 2940 in commemoration of the 3,600 Anniversary of the founding of the Japanese Empire.

The 2,600 photos are to be preserved on Leica films and experts will be consulted to make the vacuum tubes to insure perfect preservation of the films for 1000 years.

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## Students Active

# JSC Launches Big Spring Program

By HIROSHI KAWAGUCHI, Secy J.S.C.

Members of the Japanese Students' Club gathered at the home of Dr. Shimo-Takahara last Monday night under the chairmanship of Wesley Fujiwara to map out the club's activities for the coming season.

It was revealed by Kiyoaki Momose that the program for the Parent-Student Conference which is to be held at the Nippon Club this coming Saturday has been completed.

**Committees to handle the annual High School Oratorical Contest, the Pacific Northwest Inter-Collegiate Advance, various social and educational meetings were formed.**

**ORATORICAL COMMITTEES**

Elected to the post of supervisory chairman of the Oratorical Contest was Fred Sasaki. Supporting him on this undertaking are the following volunteers: Tetsuo Aoki (Poster Committee), Tam Ozaki (Hall), Wesley Fujiwara (High School Students), Saburo Takehashi (Publicity), Peter Yamada (Judges), Kasey Oyama (Entertainment), Luke Tanabe (Program, Cup and Medals), Kay Kato and Roy Shinobu (Entries) and Hiroshi Kawaguchi (Special Invitations).

**Satoru Watanabe was elected chairman of the Inter-Collegiate Advance with Kenji Kitamura acting as the chief advisor.**

With such a band of enthusiastic and energetic members at the helm, the prospects for a rosy future for the J.S.C. are bright indeed.

# G. Y. K. Marks 25th Milestone

An optimistic note reigned at the annual general meeting of the Gakuyukai, as members gathered at the Japanese Hall last Sunday to outline the year's activities.

**With a new high in successful undertakings last year, with a more extensive program laid down for the coming year, with a substantial bank balance of $300, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization augurs a bigger and better year than ever before.**

The meeting opened to the accompaniment of the Harmonica Band led by Roy Kumano. Chairman for the meeting was president Shota Kondo. Reports on activities during the past year were read and adopted.

**Projects Planned**

Following an agenda for the meeting, it was decided to publish a magazine on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the society, to purchase a motion picture projector, to stage a special concert to commemorate the year, and to sponsor essay and oratorical contests in the Japanese language. Details of the projects will be worked out by the executive members.

General election for members of the executive resulted in the following being chosen:—Roy Kumano, Shota Kondo, Kaz Suga, Yoshio Matsui, Hajime Horiuchi, Kiyoshi Suga, Shige Okumura, Shigo Okuno, Dick Tomoda, Masako Iguchi, Pat Kawajiri, Tatsuye Saito, Kimi Hirota, Hisako Tobo, Haruko Marono, Mieko Goto, Fumi Sato, Fumi Saito, and Misao Toguchi.

Refreshments followed, with the members societies presenting a program of entertainment.

### MOON-RAYS

*silvery, fluid*
*moon rays,*
*warm love-light*
*in story, sonnet*
*song.*

*I found moon-rays*
*ice-light, . .*
*cold, half-dead light*
*when I walked*
*alone.*

*M. T.*

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# The Short Story

By T. M. K.

If anyone were to ask me my preference in short stories, I would have to admit (reluctantly) that I haven't thought of it at all. Furthermore, I would not have such an imposing list or even a scholarly choice such as Somerset Maugham has compiled. I suppose too that my pick would show up the kinks in me. However, as Maugham implies, "Each to his own taste."

**FROM THE MAGAZINE STAND**

**I think the majority of us get our short stories from the great variety of magazines displayed on the news stands. Very good stories, too.**

Selecting at random, I can think of the hockey story by Lawrence Craig appearing in the current issue of the MacLean's. "The pertinacious Pole" is about "that Polish fellow" who as Onesime Cleophas Doucet relates, "she's lame with the foot, but in those battle of hockey she's nimble with the wits, by gosh."

Craig's tales of hockey matches between the Port Pacome Pirates and the Cosmos Creek Indians (these tales always being the reminiscences of Onesime Cleophas, captain of the Indians) are told amusingly in a patois of curiously French-Canadian English.

**LOCAL COLOUR**

Then there are Roark Bradford's Little Bee Bend Plantation stories of homely colored folks, of Giles, the hardworking foreman, of Widow Duck, waddling and benevolent. The latest of these is "The Manner of Heaven" dealing with the novel methods of the Reverend Sin-Splitting Samuel in bringing to repentance a pair of tightwads.

I could go on and on serially as each new week brings me its quota of magazines to tell you of stories that appeal to me most. Some are poignant with the inarticulate sorrow of a child-heart. Some are dewy with romance. Many have a tang indescribable. Each deal with a moment, an isolated incident that leaves to the imagination all happenings before and after. These are the appetizers that one nibbles or swallows to whet the appetite for the main dish, a good novel.

**Thus, it was with pleasant anticipation I started in on Somerset Maugham's "Tellers of Tales." This volume is a compilation of one hundred short stories considered by Maugham as his favorites among ten thousands of tales.**

Except for a few, it is a sombre collection, each story dealing with a grim, sad, horrible, ironical, satirical and weird event — a collection that gives a light on the personality of the editor.

**LIGHT HUMOUR**

I was, therefore, pleasantly surprised to come across a gleam of humor in P. G. Wodehouse's "Uncle Fred Flits By," the recounting of a screwy country uncle coming to town on a spree. But even then I have some suspicions of this particular choice.

The French ones by Guy de Maupassant, "The Necklace" and "The Legacy" especially are my favorites in the hundred. They have a light ironical touch that is delightful.

**SHEER HORROR**

For sheer horror read "The Toupee Artist," a sample of Russian cruelty in the Czarist days.

**There are three or four stories detailing some of the negro persecutions of the southern states which swim around in a miasma of race hatred, malice, violence, despair and dark deeds.**

Then, if you like something that grips you with a dreadful thrilling suspense, go to Leonard Frank's "In the Last Coach," a railroad coach that became unhinged on the downhill tracks that curve down the mountainside and leap across a chasm. In this compartment of death are eight passengers, terror-stricken gibbering at their fate.

When this book first came as a dividend from the Book-of-the-month Club, I thought I would have a "nightcap" enjoyment. As it turned out, I much preferred reading it in broad daylight.

## Backstage

# A Preview Peak At The Big Concert

By A. Y.

Only after countless headaches, countless hours of planning and preparations, countless talks and interviews with shy or temperamental artists, has the program committee of the super-concert sponsored by the JCCL, been able to add the finishing-touches to the bill of fare.

**"A lot of ballyhoo," declare would-be critics. In answer to their scoffs comes the news that although it's still ten days before the big show, tickets are getting rarer and harder to find the proverbial needle in the haystack.**

At any rate, it looks as if a lot of people are going to be disappointed and that although the performance is scheduled to start at six **(S-I-X) sharp** (despite the misprint on the tickets), I bet the place is going to be packed before the curtain goes up.

**Our Own Trailer**

For those lucky ticket-holders and to console the unlucky ones, we present a teeny-weeny peek at a few of the highlights of the evening's entertainment.

First, a word or two about individual performers. There's to be a Japanese dance by Harumi Tomotsugi of the Ryubikai, another by "Chiyoko" (s o u n d s intriguing, doesn't it?) from Yoshino's and a third for good luck by Lucy Takemoto also of the Ryubikai.

What's this? . . . It's a Mexican Skirt Dance and a Hat Dance by Ruby Miyake. Then, there's a toe dance by the nimble-footed Amy Oki, a tap dance by Aiko Ikeda and Asako Hori who once took an audience by storm at the Orpheum, I hear, and another by dextrous Gene Kuzuhara.

**And Sweet Music!**

I hate grouping names in this fashion, but there will be Bobby Ito, Mary Okazaki, Katsushi Kumagai, Keay Homma, Fumi Kosaka, Hisae Shishido, Tai Sugimoto, Fujie Terakita and Lily Ide who'll be offering classics and popular songs in English and Japanese.

I almost forgot, there's popular yodelling Adam Moriyama with the latest in cowboy songs. And when the artists who are coming all the way out from Steveston make their bow, I think they should get a big hand, too.

In the instrumental solos we have Kikuye Machida (piano), Tai Kuzuhara (saxaphone, clarinet), petite Sachiko Miyaushi (koto), Sachiko Hamagaki (piano), Sam Yamada (trumpet), Martha Hori (Hawaiian guitar) and Mary Kato (piano).

**You'll Enjoy It**

I'm not saying that these artists will rival the performances of Fred Astaire or Caruso or Lily Pons or Heifetz. That would be absurd. But, if you go to see them in the proper frame of mind, you'll enjoy the efforts of these decidedly talented Nisei amateurs. I know I'm going to.

**Next week, I hope to add a few words about the group numbers.**

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# Steveston Societies Start Activities

Last Sunday, January 14, Madame K. Nakauchi, wife of the Japanese Consul, was hostess at the tea hour to a group of women from the local Amalgamated Fujinkai at her beautiful home on The Crescent. Mrs. Nakauchi was charmingly gowned in navy blue crepe with contrasting bodice of lighter polka-dot blue.

**RING OUT THE BELLS!**

Honouring Miss Tsuruye Hamade, whose marriage to Mr. Yoshio Tamaki will take place at the Buddhist Temple on the 20th, and Miss Hanako Yonekura, who will become the bride of Mr. Heichi Sasaki on the 23rd, the local YWBA held a social at the Buddhist Hall on Sunday, January 14.

Another wedding will take place Saturday, January 20, when Miss ...eko Nakano will be united in marriage to Mr. T. Nakanishi also at the Buddhist Temple.

**YPS EXECUTIVE MEETS**

It was decided at the first executive meeting of the YPS to add another convenor to each department. The newly appointed convenors are: literary, Hiroshi Nishi; citizenship, Komei Konishi; missionary, Mitsunobu Kuba; athletic, Tetsuo Oda.

**This coming Sunday, January 21, the Dantai Hall will be the scene of the annual meeting of the Steveston JCCL. All members are asked to be out by 1 p.m.**

A meeting under the missionary convenor, Miss Matsue Koshiba, will take place on Sunday, January 21, at 7.30 sharp, at the Japanese United Church.

# JSC Parent-Student Meet At Nippon Club

**Featured speaker at the annual "Parent-Student Night" sponsored by the University Students' Club, Saturday, Jan. 20, will be the Japanese Consul in Vancouver, Hon. Kenji Nakauchi.**

**The event will begin at 7.30 at the Nippon Club, with members of the Club playing hosts and hostesses to their parents. The affair is held in order that the older people may become intimate not only with the students, but also with the club activities.**

**A large turnout is expected for an enjoyable evening, and a cordial invitation to attend is extended to all interested.**

# CALENDAR

**SOME COMING EVENTS**

**JANUARY**

21—Sanichikai Meeting, New Pier, 6 p.m.
21—Shiseikai, Kokikai, and Chichibukai Meetings, Fuji, 5.30 p.m.
21—Meizokai Meeting, Japanese School, 5 p.m.
21—Kitsilano YMBA, General Meeting, Kitsilano Bukkyo-kai, 2 p.m.
21—Badminton Roller Party, Roller Bowl, 2-5 p.m.
21—Junior Church Service, General Meeting, Powell United Church, 7.30 p.m.
26—Lily Washimoto, Broadcasts over CBR, 9.30 p.m.

**FEBRUARY**

1—Seikokai AYPA Fifth Anniversary, Church of Ascension, 8.30 p.m.
4—Fukuoka Seinenkai, Fuji, 4 p.m.
11—Fuyokai Roller Party, Happyland, 2-5 p.m.
18—Young Buddhists' Association Oratorical Contest, Hompa Hall.

CURTAIN!

# YP Actors Present "First Class Matter"

Powell Y.P.S. will aspire for highest honours in its first year of competition in the eighth annual drama festival of the Greater Vancouver Young Peoples Union, which opens Tuesday, January 30.

Appearing in the comedy, "First Class Matter" are Aki Hyodo, Koto Yatabe, Norah Fujita, Wes Fujiwara and Jimmy Suzuki. Under the expert direction of Yuki Yoshida, well-known Nisei elocutionist and actress, the play is rapidly rounding into shape for presentation Friday evening, Feb. 2.

The lighter touch will dominate the program for that evening, with St. Andrews Wesley in "The Man Who Wouldn't Go To Heaven." Crosby Drama Club's No. 2 team appears in "The Last Frontier" and St. John's United in Miss Mobray's "Big Moment."

Orchestral selections will be rendered the same evening by the Dunbar-West Point Grey Community Orchestra under the baton of H. C. Pearson.

# ● TOWN TOPICS

To celebrate the Fifth Anniversary of the Seikokai branch of the Anglican Young People's Association, the Seikokai AYPA will hold a birthday party on Thursday evening, February 1, at the Church of Ascension. A dedication service from 8.30 p.m. will precede the social evening. Members, past members, and friends are cordially invited to attend the celebration.

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*The Kitsilano YMBA will hold its general meeting at the Kitsilano Bukkyo-kai on Sunday, January 21, from 2 p.m. Being the 15th annual meeting many important matters will be on hand for discussion. A New Year social will follow the meeting. All club members are urged to attend.*

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At the general meeting of the Rissho Seinenkai held last Sunday, January 14, the following officers were elected to guide the club through another big year: president, Johnny Deshima; vice president, Sumiko Kobayashi, Tom Inaba; recording secretary, Bill Uno; corresponding secretary, Kathleen Ooka, George Ishohima; treasurer, Takeyoshi Machina; auditors, Tose Watanabe, Noboru Takeda; Convenors: athletic, Mineo Kimura, Sam Watanabe; social, Joe Deshima; arts, Irene Ishikawa; oratory, Mark Kobayashi; drama, Irene Tsuchiya.

*Congratulations!*

Born in Vancouver to Mr. and Mrs. I. Ebata of Newcastle Island on Monday morning, January 15, a girl.

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Prior to his departure for the U. of California, Mr. Shuichi Kusaka, brilliant Physics scholar, was host to his friends at dinner last Saturday. Mr. Kusaka left for the south on Sunday morning, January 14.

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*Dai Nishiki*

The Shiseikai will hold its annual meeting and New Year social this coming Sunday, January 21, at the Fuji from 5.30 p.m. The club executive expects the attendance of every member at this important gathering. In order to assure ample time for the "Dai Nishiki" everyone is urged to attend on time.

The Kokikai and Chichibukai will also held their annual meetings at the same time and same place.

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*At Home*

*Mr. and Mrs. M. Masuda entertained informally at a card party at their home on Parker Street last Saturday evening, January 13.*

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*Powell Junior Church*

This Sunday, January 21, the Powell United Junior Church will hold its general meeting. After the reports of the various departments and the recommendations of the church boards, elections of officers to the Board of Session and Stewards will be held. The general meeting will follow the regular Sunday evening service, the sermon topic being, "What do we stand for?" by Rev. K. Shimizu.

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*Sunday is again the day chosen for a roller skating party. This time the party will be sponsored by the Fuyokai at Happyland on February 11, from 2-5 p.m.*

Don't forget the big skatefest this Sunday. There will be no ticket sales at the door, but last minute tickets may be obtained at Ernies.

# Candlelight and Wine

**By Diana**

**What To Do With Crying Babies**

The spring concert season will soon catch up with us again. One organization after another will hold concert after concert in rapid succession to raise funds for this, that, and the other thing. But with the appearance of these entertaining nights of music and drama comes that habitual nuisance—crying babies.

Now some babies are born the model of good behaviour, but most babies are not. When a budding Thespian is nervously spouting his lines, there suddenly arises from the midst of the enrapt audience a shrill wa-a-a that gathers force and volume as time goes on. Sometimes the disturbance accompanying an aspiring soloist develops into a wheezy obligato interspersed here and there by the sh-sh-sh of a distracted mother. Sometimes mother and baby make a noisy exit first clambering all over irate listeners, upsetting chairs and stumbling up the aisle with the wailing bundle.

**To overcome this public nuisance harassed mothers sometimes leave their children in the care of their granny or "in-laws," but in many cases these handy people are not available. Or perhaps they hire that girl just down the street to sit up with the baby. This method, however, is not without is worries.**

The best idea to date is the cooperative nursery—run on the basis of "I'll mind your children tonight if you'll mind mine tomorrow." These nurseries are becoming more and more popular down south. A number of mothers take turns in minding a group of children one day a week. This system leaves the mother more free time for other work, recreation or study. Rather than leave their children with hired help, mothers place more confidence in each other.

**Shyness has no place in the present world of modernity and emancipation. Now, it is even considered out-dated for a woman to blush. But back in the days of 1890 when nisels had not yet seen the light of day, an advisor to girls in a popular magazine wrote counselling against indiscriminate dancing: "It will teach you to forget how to blush, my dears, and with that departs one of your greatest charms."**

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**Granny's Words of Wisdom**

And while we're on the subject of the past take a look at these hints from grandmother's cookbook.

"In America, cheese is regarded as a luxury, not as a food . . . Of all human follies connected with the art of cooking the potato, frying is the worst . . . If you buy milk it will not do to consider the milkman's quart. You must always measure in a beer measure . . . The food called 'hash' in his country is of doubtful origin, probably English . . ."

And away back in 1805 . . . "Yeast is now made into cakes and sold to people too improvident to make their own. It is said to be good."

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**Mr., Hubby, or Tom, Dick and Harry**

Young wives, when referring to their husbands, often hesitate, wondering what tag they should attach to the man of the house. When to say "Mr.", "my husband," or to use his first name is confusing at times.

When talking about her husband, a wife uses the title "Mr." or "Doctor" only when speaking to an inferior. To strangers she says "my husband" and to her friends, she always refers to him by his first name.

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**Won't You Try These?**

Ice-box cookies always go over in a big way because of their crispness and tastiness. But they have one disadvantage—they cannot be baked immediately because they require thorough chilling in the refrigerator. Their great advantage though is that the dough can be kept on hand for over a week and the cookies sliced and baked as needed. So when mixing the batter use a fairly large recipe.

If you have never tried these dainties, here's the recipe for the Butterscotch Cookies.

Cream 1 c. of shortening gradually stirring in 2 c. of brown sugar. Add 2 unbeaten eggs and 2 tsp. of vanilla. Mix well, then stir in 3½ c. of flour and 3 tsp. of baking powder sifted together, and 1½ c. of chopped nuts.

The resulting stiff dough may be packed firmly into pound butter cartons or cracker boxes. Tin boxes should be lined with waxed paper. Or with floured hands shape the dough into rolls about 2 in. in diameter, wrap the rolls in heavy waxed paper, twisting the ends. Place the molded dough in a refrigerator for several hours until it is hard. Remove the chilled dough from its wrappings, cut into slices about one-eighth inch thick. Place on baking sheet—greasing is not necessary because of the large quantity of shortening in the dough. Bake in a moderate oven.

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## *Maple Ridge Review*

By New and Views

**Whonnock Seinenkai**

The tenth annual general meeting of the Whonnock Seinenkai, held at the Whonnock Japanese Hall, Jan. 14, was opened by a short address by the chairman, Toru Arikawa, followed by the parting speech of the retiring president, Yukio Nishikawa.

**In addressing some thirty fellow members, "Yuke" advocated the formation of a "Niseikai" to replace and to carry out the functions of Nisei organizations here.**

"Co-operation rather than competition" was the message, which was received with heartwarming applause.

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**"Views"**

Are we to applaud and then forget? Perhaps we may seek the solution desired in the formation of a chapter of the J.C.C.L. here. True we are members of the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Chapter; but with the affiliation of Nisei factions here, with the ideal of national unity as our ultimate goal, we may indeed feel justified in doing so. Am I a dreamer . . . ?

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**J.C.C.L. Concert**

Programmes for the J.C.C.L. concert, to be held in the Agricultural Hall in Haney, at 7:30 p.m., February 3, are now being printed.

Tickets may be secured from any member of the executive. 35c for adults and 15c for children is the price for an evening of superb entertainment.

## *Kelowna's Kolum*

By T.

On January 2 the New Year was greeted with much enthusiasm at the Buddhist Mission. Starting at 2 p.m. the various ceremonies were performed, followed by a program of entertainment presented by the Bukkyokai. A capacity crowd, which surpassed all records in recent years, witnessed the "shibais" presented by local artists. The entire community was more than satisfied with the feeling of starting the New Year off right as a result of the day spent at the Hall.

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On Jan. 5 and 6 a Japanese movie was shown at the Buddhist Hall, with the raffle draw being held at intermission time Saturday night.

The majority of the lucky ticket holders were of the younger set, including S. Yamaoka with two lucky tickets, Miss S. Yamaoka, Chic Mori, H. Uyeyama, George Weda and T. Tomiye.

**Congratulations . . .**

Congratulations to Miss Naka and Mr. H. Uyeyama whose wedding party was held Jan. 11 at the Buddhist Hall.

**Summerland . . .**

Are we going to have a table tennis tournament this year? Maybe we'll do better this year than in the past.

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## *Celtic Clippings*

By M. N. C. Pator

At the fifth annual meeting of the local Young Men's Association Jan. 13, Ichiro Yamamoto was elected president succeeding Shigekazu Endo.

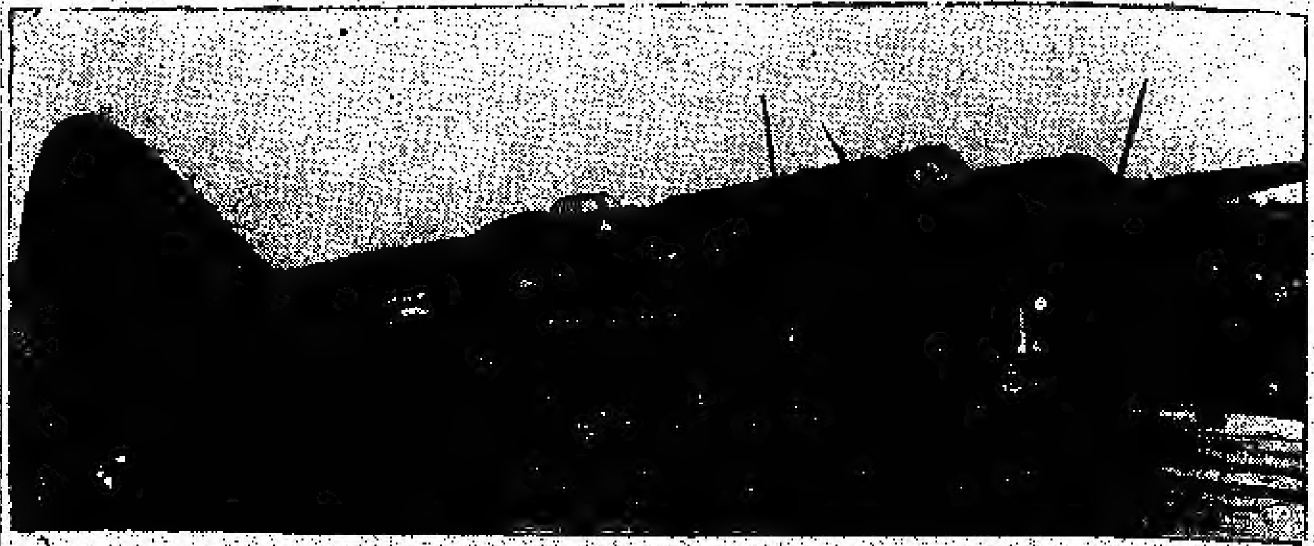
**A leading figure in the organization since its inception, Ichiro now goes on to serve his fifth term on the executive and his fourth term as president.**

Others on the new executive include E. Oseki, vice-president; S. Sasaki, chairman; and M. Miki, secretary-treasurer.

**Ass'n Strengthened**

Numerically strengthened with seven new names added to its rolls and with a strong advisory council, the Association seems to be heading for a year of outstanding achievement. The initiation of the new members brought about the automatic affiliation of the Junior Basketball team as a unit with the organization.

At the present time chairmen of various committees are busily engaged in plans and consultations, promising sweeping measures designed to elevate the position of their Y.M.A. in this far-removed corner of the city.



The new darling of the Royal Canadian Air Force, a fast, twin-engined Bristol Bolingbroke bomber, is shown here as it hit a 300-mile-an-hour clip in tests at Rockcliffe military airport near Ottawa. This Canadian version of the R.A.F.'s prized Bristol Blenheims, which took part in the Kiel Canal raid, was built in Canada and is to be followed by 17 more. It can carry half a ton of bombs f[or] 1,000 miles at 250 miles per hour.

# Steveston YMBA Elects New Officers

By Kichiji Nishii

The Steveston Y.M.B.A. got off to a good start for the year at their ninth annual general meeting held last Thursday, January 11, under the chairmanship of Fumio Hamaguchi.

Past president, Minoru Nishi, opened the meeting. Two phases of the Nisei question received treatment in the speeches by Mr. H. Yamamoto (the importance of unity among the Nisei) and Rev. Katatsu (Y.M.B.A. and JCCL—their duties).

Vice-president, T. Nakai, read the constitution and the activities of the S.Y.M.B.A. during the 1939 season. He was followed by the financial treasurer and the different convenors with their reports of the past year.

**Two amendments to the constitution were moved and passed. The first concerned honorary members. Formerly, they were assessed the annual fee of two dollars, had the right to vote but were barred from nominations. The amendment was reworded to grant them the right to vote and be nominated to executive positions without paying the annual fee.**

The second amendment substituted the positions of treasurer and assistant treasurer for two treasurers.

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Herewith are the officers for the coming year:

President, Kaoru Atagi; vice-presidents, Hiroshi Hamade and Seiji Uraisami; treasurer, Shoji Minamido; assistant treasurer, Seitaro Matsumura; chairman, Tokunaga Nakai; secretaries, Tetsunobu Miyai (Japanese) and Kichiji Nishii (English).

Auditors, Teruo Nakatsu, George Uyeda, Kenichi Morishita, M. Morishita, Takeo Matsubara.

Convenors: sports, Shigeru Marumoto; oratorical, Masakazu Hori; dramatics, Haruo Uyeda; social, T. Nishii; literary, T. Toraguchi; fire department, M. Matsumura.

Councillors were also elected.

# Alberni Red Cross Committee

By Don Tani

Commencing its 1940 activities the Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association held its initial meeting of the year on Jan. 14.

**A Red Cross committee, composed of all women members of the Association, was formed to assist the local Japanese women in obtaining information and necessary materials, so that they may carry out their Red Cross work most efficiently.**

Amending the constitution, the members decided to return to the conventional manner of nominating and electing each executive, and to increase the number of officials from five to seven. This increase provides for a Japanese secretary, an athletic director, and an educational and citizenship convenor, and eliminates the vice-presidency. The annual election of officers will be held at the February meeting.

**Acknowledgments** . . . to T. Mitsui for his donation to the JCCA prior to his departure for Japan . . . A copy of the "Citizen," and thank you, **Steveston JCCL** . . . A lovely greeting card, the wish on which is heartily returned to former member **Kay Sumi** of Mayne Island.

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**What can it be?** . . . 50 per cent of our transplanted Victorians, Hatsui Uyede will soon be returning home. The party of the second part is looking forward to September and his return. Can't understand it, unless it's the year. **Visitors** . . . Picking up a little glow here and there in the manner of the day, three young men dropped in our way on New Year's. They were Messrs Masuda, Masuda and Tamaki, of Cowichan Bay, Coombs, and Sunbury, respectively. Incidentally, the bus leaves thrice daily for Sunbury. This is authentic information and was given emphatically, Miss Opportunist.

COLEMAN'S BACK WITH:

## *CUMBERLAND COALDUST*

Yipes! It's Leap Year again. Press your delectable stripes with extra care, Coley, the wimmin are on the loose. Oh well, I should worry. I'll drive them delirious with my Slapsie Maxie style especially created by him for me.

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To wind up the fading year of 1939, the Girls' Club and the Seinenkai held a joint whist drive and dance at the Royston Hall on December 23. Some of the girls were too shy to venture on the floor but those who did keep in time with the downbeats were the cynosure of a gallery of young ladies who volunteered opinions to the field on the style of hip swinging.

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**Honeymoon in Japan**

On December 26, a quiet wedding was solemnized at the Hompa Buddhist Temple when Hideko, eldest daughter of Mr. M. Tsuruoka and the late Mrs. Tsuruoka of Cumberland, was married to Mr. I. Yamakawa of Duncan. A reception at the Fuji followed. Mr. and Mrs. Yamakawa left the next day on the M.S. "Heian Maru" for a honeymoon trip to Japan.

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**Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Shigie Yaguchi who had the misfortune to hurt his wrist while playing basketball. Bet it feels great to be out in the open after three weeks of ceiling staring at the Vancouver General Hospital, Shigie.**

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**Home, Sweet Home**

Among those bounding back to their homes for their holidays were Yoshino and Miyoshi Kimoto for a whiff of family air, Hiroshi Kawaguchi and George Saito casting off their UBC exam reflections, Mrs. M. Takahara of Chemainus for a glimpse of Mama and those spruced-up boys back from Duncan and Woodfibre.

Those reversing directions were K. Tani, still at large in the big city, Shigie Kiyono to attend his cousin Hideko's wedding, M. Yagi and K. Saisho.

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**Start The Year Right**

They say there's no time like the first of the year to impress people. Take, for instance, the vibrant finality with which Kiso startled the staid parents of No. 5 at the New Year's Night celebration.

Not being a kindred spirit of the jiving hot licks, I fail miserably in the proper usage of rug-cutting demonstrations, but sufficient it is for me to state that he certainly knocked them speechless with admiration, disbelief, astonishment or alarm. (Multiple choice: underline the best answer.)

A noticeable feature of the occasion was the agile quickness of the younger fry in learning to dance. It baffles me just where they pick up all the steps—but how they can shuffle about rhythmically in clothes natty enough to put Andy Hardy to shame, when only yesterday, they were squirming all over the same floors in le dernier cri for chic three-cornered pants!

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Now that winter actually seems to be wending its way hither, this scribe is exploring a spot to hibernate. Adios, expect me back for a social visit with the ground hogs.

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# A Nisei Seeks Opportunity in Canada

*EDITOR'S NOTE—The adventure befalling a Nisei who sought a future in Eastern Canada so struck "M.T.K.," one of our readers, that he passed on the story to us. He adds these words: "You will recall the advice of Mr. Sato, principal of the Alexander Japanese Language School, to Niseis heading East to go with some capital and a definite trade. The Nisei in question did not have either and the following is the result of his pioneer dive into the Canadian East."*

It was summer, July 5, when I left Vancouver but you would have never guessed it if you had been freezing with me on the freight boxes as the two locomotives snorted their way high up in the Rockies above the snowline.

Kamloops, Revelstoke, Banff, Calgary and Medicine Hat passed by without a hitch until I came to Moose Jaw where the arm of the law finally caught up with me.

*The Law Catches Up*

That was July 7. I was tried in Juvenile Court the next day where I was sentenced to serve seven days in the Moosomin Reformatory. After an overnight stay at the Moose Jaw city jail, I was transferred to the Regina Mounties jail by train with Mounties as escorts and thence to Moosomin about 186 miles north-east of Regina.

There they "mugged" (fingerprinted) me, took a blood test, a skin and a spinal fluid test, in short, a thorough physical examination. After that they handed me a prison garb which stank to high heaven, and a seven-day stretch of "hell on earth" followed.

*Release! Hitch-hiking from Moosomin to Winnipeg, tough as it was, seemed more preferable. My legs became swollen; my body ached all over, my nerves were on a rack but my heart refused to give up. Not only that, I had to worry about eating. If a "bum" or "stiff" is in good physical condition, his only thought is to eat and live.*

*Human Driftwood, Drifting On and On*

I bumped into thousands of them on the road all with the same idea. They're human driftwood, drifting on and on, blindly . . . here and there . . . year after year . . . drifting from one end of the country to the other . . . one day in Vancouver, tomorrow in Calgary, next week in Toronto . . . Some of them are intellectuals, some illiterates, but just the same they're human. Wherever they come from, whoever they are, they've got to eat in order to live. They all had mothers who once thought they were the sweetest and cutest babies in the world. They form a serious problem for the government who often ignores them. It should build camps like the CCC in the U.S. to look after them.

*After spending a couple of days in Winnipeg, I "hit the tracks" again but instead of freight cars, I took to passenger cars. I knew it was a risky thing to do but it hadn't taken me long to learn the ropes of "hoboing." I was a high-pressure hobo now—tough and fearless.*

Of course, I had several narrow escapes such as falling in between the box cars, having "railroad bulls" take potshots at me, getting lost in the deep wood miles away from civilization. Instead of weakening me, though, the grind toughened me more than ever. It hardened my nerves and sinews.

I stayed two months in Toronto doing all kinds of jobs—houseboy, cook's help, paper boy and so on.

*Down to the Sea*

Then I was again seized by wanderlust but went to sea this time. I got a job on a freighter, Delaware, as a mess boy but got sea-sick and had to get off at Montreal, where I tried my hand at positions such as accountant, salesman, etc., which fitted me like a size twenty shoe.

*When the war broke out, I quit the salesman job to go to Japan on a Japanese freighter, Kinka Maru, but was nabbed sneaking on board ship and got a month's imprisonment for my trouble. After getting out of the "can," I tried to join the army. I got through the physical examination all right—Class A 1, when they turned me down because of my dual nationality.*

I was downhearted and left Montreal on foot. I knocked around for a week in Sherbrooke, a dead French Canadian town. And that reminds me—the Frenchies or "Pea Soups" are very unfriendly and unkind. You'll have a tough time trying to get a lift in this part of the country.

*Anti-Spy Campaign Unhealthy*

From Sherbrooke I headed south to sneak into the States and even got as far as Albany, New York, where I decided the atmosphere wasn't any too healthy with the anti-spy campaign in full swing, so I hit the return trail to Quebec City before I got into another jam.

And here I am in the Salvation Army Social Service Department, working in the kitchen as a dishwasher getting room and board plus a small weekly allowance. I expect to stay here all winter until next spring when I'll be back "on the road" again.

More later on this thrilling and absorbing yet cruel and hard world later.

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## Terra Nova Y.P.S. Off to Good Start

By Chizuko Shimano

Annual election meeting of the Terra Nova Young People's Ass'n, Jan. 13, resulted in the following officers being chosen: Hideo Shimano, president; Fujiko Suzuki, vice-president; Riushiu Koyanagi, treasurer; Kazue Koyanagi, recording secretary; Chizuko Shimano, corresponding secretary; Yoshio Shimano, Yukio Koyanagi, Keishiro Shimano, auditors; Ayako Negoro, librarian; Kimiku Suzuki, Kunitko Shimano, Matsuyo Koyanagi, social convenors; and Hiroshi Negoro and Shogoro Shimano, sports committee.

A successful New Year's party was held on Jan. 1, with a large turnout.

As a result of the raffle which was drawn on Jan. 14 Miss Yoshi Suzuki won the table lamp and Mr. S. Muraki the bedspread. To all our friends, especially of Sea Island, Steveston and Vancouver who contributed to the success of our raffle, THANK YOU!

## Capital City Chatter

By Ioni Gosslppe

The January meeting of the Victoria JCCL will be held Thursday, the 25th, at the Gogakko Hall, commencing at 8.15 sharp.

Election of officers and general discussion of plans for the coming term will take place, so be there to do your share.

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MR. FRANK OTAKE, Port Alberni: Please accept apologies for not acknowledging receipt of telegram (wishing local chapter success) sooner . . . No, was not napping . . . just wasn't there when it was read. Good luck, Frank, and thanks again.

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Victoria Vagaries: Can you imagine—only about an hour and a half of skating in one winter? That's about all we had last Sunday morning and prospects for more ice this winter are very poor with the weather as mild as it is now . . . Better sell your skates, Muneo, and give the rest of us a break.

In This Corner

## DID YOU KNOW?

By Y. T. Terada

*That in Japan the practice of fencing, judo and other sports is confined largely to the coldest season of the year, in the months of January and February. "Kangeiko" or training during the coldest weather is supposed to be most effective.*

*That Sumo and not Baseball is the national sport of Japan.*

*That new army conscripts often undergo a complete transformation in their mode of living during their first days in barracks. From kimono-clad youth they are transformed into uniformed soldier eating in Western "table style" and sleeping in army cots.*

*That the present day cat in Japan is of imperial origin, and was first brought over from Korea in the year 999.*

*That B. C. is the only province in the Dominion that disbars British subjects of Japanese origin from the franchise.*

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*Intermediate A Hoopsters*

# Varsity Nips Nippons In Overtime

If and when the Nippons can learn to keep their shirts on when the pressure's red hot, they may really go places. Tuesday evening at the Y.W.C.A. they came from behind to tie the shirtless men from Varsity, 26-26, but blew up in the overtime session to drop another heartbreaker, 32-26.

But you have to hand it to those lads from Powell Street for their fighting spirit and for the way they dish up nerve-tingling games.

**They pitched in for all they were worth in the first quarter to lead the students by a nose, 8-7, forged ahead 13-9 in the second period but suddenly stopped dead in their tracks and let the campus crew race away to a 20-13 margin.**

As if to show his team mates how, Goozy Suzuki staged a one-man display in the third canto, swishing the hemp with three of his specialties to cut down the deficit to 22-19.

NIPPONS RALLY

In the last quarter, Varsity tried to freeze the ball but the same Goozy snagged a long shot, Kato a foul, ide a close-in and, with full-time but seconds away, Akiyama let go a sneaker from a melee in front of the Varsity basket that knotted the count 26-26.

Over-eagerness proved to be the undoing of the Nippons in the extra frame. Even their best shots got the jitters rimming the hoop or bouncing out, while the students made most of their breaks to pocket the game 32-26.

# Nippon Juniors Fail To Hold West Van

## Nomads Nudge Celts In Fight For Playoffs

A fighting last half rally staged by the Nippons in the Pro Rec Division just failed to make the grade as the tall West Van boys handed them another loss, 48-39, at the Japanese Gym Tuesday.

The high overhead passes of the gangling West Van quintet caught the Nippons on the short end of a big 23-7 score at half-time.

**Starting out with renewed vigor in the third quarter Nippons caught up to within five points of the leaders as Fujioka, Miike, Fukumoto and Hashimoto concentrated on long shots that netted them 14 points but West Van drew ahead again.**

In the last quarter every Nippon player except Fukumoto scored two baskets apiece, but that scoring spree fell 9 points short of the leaders.

NOMADS-CELTICS

In the junior game last Tuesday Nomads nosed out the fighting fisher boys from Celtic Cannery by one slim point, 28-27, to stay in the running for the playoffs. The lead see-sawed back and forth as both teams played an air-tight game.

At the end of the third quarter, Celtics led by one point but Nomads outscored Celtics 12-10 to edge out the luckless cannery boys, 28-27.

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# YPS Shuttlers Tie GYK For Top Spot

## Nishikawara-Aridado Stage Tying Rally

With their backs right up against the wall after dropping the first set 8-15, the Y.P.S. mixed doubles team, Mary Nishikawara-Dave Arikado, rallied in the second to cop the next two games the hard way in a postponed match at the Strathcona Gym Tuesday. The victory picked the fat from the fire for the Y.P. shuttle artists and gave them a tie in their tangle with the GYKers, 4-4, as well as a co-hold on first place with the same club.

In the other series Monday evening, Strathcona took a commanding 4-2 measure over the Stevestonites and are expected to bag the major tilts of the evening as GYK and Steveston take on Strathcona and YPS respectively.

Baron Wakabayashi and Kaz Suga continued their unbeaten ways for the GYK dumping the two high-geared combinations, Ernie Arikado-Mas Matsui and Henry Arikado-Michi Ashikawa, while the equally capable mixed doubles aces, Lucy Koyanagi-Shige Okumura blasted out lopsided triumphs over their church opponents.

**STEVESTON IMPROVING**

In the Strathcona-Steveston series, the out-of-town swatters showed vast improvement. Strathcona took four of the six matches played but were extended to three sets in two of the encounters.

The Steveston mixed duo, Miyoko Sogawa-Hiroshi Hamade, threw a bad scare into the Strathcona camp. Playing heads-up they took the first game 15-12 and were leading the Strathcona pair, Neto Ikeda-Yoshio Matsui, by a nose in the second when Matsui finally regained his shooting eye to lead his partner to a stirring rally, the two emerging on top 17-14 and 15-10.

**Y.P.S. vs. GYK**

H. Arikado-M. Ashikawa bt.; M. Sawada-T. Maikawa 15-12, 15-6; M. Saegusa-J. Tanaka bt.; H. Maruno-H. Oshino 15-6, 18-14; B. Wakabayashi-K. Suga bt.; E. Arikado-M. Matsui 15-12, 18-16; and Arikado-Ashikawa 15-12, 15-5; L. Koyanagi-S. Okumura bt.; M. Nishikawara-D. Arikado 15-6, 15-4; and Saegusa-Tanaka 15-12, 15-3; Arikado-Matsui bt.; Sawada-Maikawa 15-9, 15-3; Nishikawara-Arikado bt.; Maruno-Oshino 8-15, 18-15, 15-12.

**STEVESTON vs. STRATHCONA**

M. Akiyama-S. Hagino bt.; S. Nakade-S. Matsuba 15-4, 15-11; and S. Sogawa-S. Minamido 15-9, 15-8; Nakado-Matsuba bt.; M. Toyota-Y. Ono 15-6, 12-15, 15-8; Sogawa-Minamido bt.; Toyota-Ono 15-6, 15-7; F. Dashima-H. Machida bt.; S. Kochi-M. Nishi 4-15, 15-9, 15-10; N. Ikeda-Y. Matsui bt.; M. Sogawa-H. Hamade 12-15, 17-14, 15-10.

## STOP PRESS!

**The hum you've been hearing in the air isn't the chinook breezes. It's the mighty droning that's coming all the way from Seattle where the Hornets, Courier AA hoopsters, are swarming in their hive getting ready to wing their way to Vancouver, January 27, for an exhibition game against the local Nippons.**

**Ten or eleven of them will be up, says Mi Akuyama, who received a letter from them this morning. The place of contest is yet undecided. It may be at the Western Sports Centre or at the Japanese Gym.**

**The Seattle Girls Reserve are also itching to make the trip, but have transportation problems to solve.**

**Nisei cagettes, you'd better step lively and be out for the special practice session Tuesday at nine. "A stitch in time saves nine . . ."**

**NOTICE:** Special permission has been granted to the shutters to start heir unfinished games from 7.15 next Monday. Players are requested to be on hand ON TIME to avoid the repetition of past evenings of having series left hanging in mid-air.

# MAIKAWAS EDGE OUT HARRY'S

## M & N Smother Druggists in Basket Binge

What would Maikawa do without Shige Ashikawa? In the last quarter dash of sporadic scrambling and fancy strategic hoopla with Harry's hanging desperately to a 5 point lead, Shige sifted through to snipe in 6 vital points putting the department store boys ahead for the first time and giving them a scant one point victory over the Miyazaki boys 31-30. In the headliner the smooth-working M & N boys once again climbed aboard their victory wagon by effectively smothering the luckless Powell Drugs 46-28.

Harry's led by Joe Akiyama and Kas Suga set off smartly in the first quarter by taking a 12-4 lead over Maikawa, but in the second quarter, Shige Ashikawa found the range and pulled Maikawa up within striking distance of the leaders, 19-15 at the breather.

In the tragic last quarter it looked like a walk-away for Harry's as Joe Akiyama's counter boosted their lead, but a basket by tall Sam Uyede and two honeys in quick succession by Shig Ashikawa brought Maikawa up to 28-27.

The fans went wild as Harry's hung desperately to their slim lead. They passed back and forth to freeze the ball, but Maikawa's took the lead for the first time as Shige Ashikawa pocketed a beautiful overhead shot and went ahead 3 points as Shige repeated his effort.

Harry's threatened to blow the lid off the game in the dying minutes as Ken Ouishi flipped in a one hander to put them only one down, but the whistle came to the rescue before any damage could be done, with the final score 31-30, for Maikawa's.

**Druggists Dumped**

The Powell Drugs looked good in the first quarter as they kept stride with the fast-pacing M & N five, but in the second half a brace of baskets by Kay Hirano and Baron Wakabayashi and a counter by Tommy Nobuoka pulled the drygood store boys well ahead, while Powell Drugs only retaliation was Frank Shiraishi's lone basket.

**After the breather M & N led by sharpshooting George Suzuki set a terrific pace and left the drugstore boys trailing in the dust 32-17. Again in the last quarter George Suzuki twisted his way through the defence and sluiced in 8 points while George Ide and Kay Hirano tallied 6 points between them for a grand total of 46 points against Powell Drug's 28.**

George Suzuki pulled his average up a couple of notches as he copped the scoring honors by sinking 16 points while Tuck Shimizu was high for the Druggists with 11.

# SPORTS Simmerings

By A. Scribe

Well, after Washee got through washing thes oiled linen last week, I'm afraid to stick my hands into the soap suds even. My ideas may look pretty faded and feeble in comparison.

What an imagination he must have. I have one big bother every time I sit down at Bertha, my typewriter, to get some half-decent words or catch-phrases to describe what I (and two hundred fanatical cage fans) would call a humdinger of a hoopla contest.

**IMAGINATION RUNS RIOT**

**But Washee tells us that he's built up a grand illusion of the calibre of basketball games that are being played in town after reading some of our reports. That only goes to show that some fans think more of the game than we and that the mind (in this case, the imagination) has a very definite edge over matter (the typewriter.)**

One point I'm inclined to agree with him concerns all the shoving and bumping that go on at the games. Yet, on reading newspaper accounts and pictures of basketball games played elsewhere, I can't help but get the impression that basketball is becoming a knock-em-down, drag-em-off affairs anyway with the side having the huskiest players rating the edge.

Yet, we can claim a special case when it comes to our gym. Why, the place is so small and crowded that an irate fan could easily spit on an enemy casaba-tosser from the balcony. I hear that the only reason the spectators refrain from the act is not because they're afraid of spreading germs (the tobacco smoke takes care of that) but because the flimsy balcony may cave under the extra strain if they were to lean too far over the railing.

**WE WANT A NEW GYM**

**It all boils down to this: it's high time that the Nisei got together and laid plans for the construction of a bigger and more adequate gym.**

**Moreover, all the Niseis could take an interest in this project for while we're at it, we might as well build up an up-to-date community hall that would house a gym that could also be used for gatherings of all descriptions, several smaller rooms for a Community centre work and perhaps a swimming pool thrown into the bargain.**

But to get away from the din at the Japanese Gym, it's a pleasure to see how the Steveston badminton artists have improved, to judge from their playing at the Strathcona gym last Monday.

I'm not much at picking but I certainly wouldn't mind placing my money on some of them. Hirsoshi Hamade shows a lot of ability. The Sogawa-Minamide pair pack a wallop of a forehand. Though they go in for the hammer-and-tong type of game, give them good coaching and plenty of seasoning and they should become strong contenders.

Wakabayashi and Suga of the Gakuyukai form my favorite team. At the rate they're burning up the maple floors, I'm willing to put my neck in the noose and declare that they'll be the ones, if any, to dethrone the highly-touted championship team, Mi Akiyama and Tommy Iwasaki, this year.

They still have to drop a set this season and have turned back such couples as the afore-mentioned champs and the Y.P.S. Arikado-Matsui duo.

**PLAY THE GAME**

**What's more important, I think, is the spirit with which they play. My impression is that they go for the fun of the game as well as mere points. A close decision hardly ever upsets them and if they do pull off some big boners, they're the first to admit their errors. I get as much fun watching them play as I would playing the game myself.**

Here's the . . . 30 . . . staring at me in my face. But before I sign off, remember to tell me what you think of the community hall idea. The question of finances? Why, does teacher have to tell you the answer to that one too? Class dismissed for the present.


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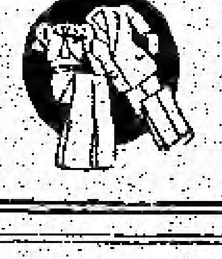
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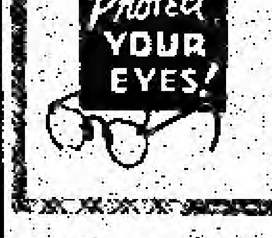

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